

The Honorable Robert S. Lasnik

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ABINET ONKISO,

Defendant.

NO. CR22-106-RSL

PROTECTIVE ORDER

This matter, having come to the Court's attention on the Unopposed Motion for Protective Order, and the Court, having considered the entirety of the record and being fully advised in this matter, hereby enters the following PROTECTIVE ORDER:

1. Definition of Protected Material

The investigation in this case focused on Mr. Onkiso's conduct as a tax preparer, so the discovery contains numerous individuals' tax-related information, other financial information, and personally identifiable information. This investigation also involved the use of an undercover officer ("UC"), and sensitive information regarding the UC is contained in the discovery materials. If distributed outside of the defense attorneys of record, and investigators, paralegals, law clerks, experts and assistants for the defense attorneys of record (hereinafter collectively referred to as members of the defense team), this information could subject the UC to harassment, retaliation, or tampering, and could

1 interfere with current investigations where the UC is being used. The tax-related
2 information and other financial information described herein and the information relating
3 to the UC are collectively referred to as “Protected Material.”

4 2. Permissible Disclosure of Protected Material.

5 The United States will make available copies of the Protected Material to defense
6 counsel to comply with the government’s discovery obligations. Possession of the
7 Protected Material is limited to defense counsel, as well as his investigators, paralegals,
8 assistants, law clerks, and experts (hereinafter collectively referred to as “members of the
9 defense team”). Defense counsel may provide a copy of the Protected Material to Mr.
10 Onkiso so that he may view the material, but Mr. Onkiso may not disseminate Protected
11 Material outside of members of the defense team.

12 Members of the defense team may not provide copies of the Protected Material to
13 other persons. Defense counsel is required to provide a copy of this Protective Order to
14 members of the defense team, including Mr. Onkiso, and to obtain written consent from
15 members of the defense team of their acknowledgment to be bound by the terms and
16 conditions of this Protective Order, prior to providing any Protected Material to the
17 members of the defense team. The written consent need not be disclosed or produced to
18 the United States unless requested by the Assistant United States Attorney and ordered by
19 the Court.

20 This order does not limit employees of the United States Attorney’s Office for the
21 Western District of Washington from disclosing the Protected Material to members of the
22 United States Attorney’s Office, federal law enforcement agencies, and to the Court and
23 defense as necessary to comply with the government’s discovery obligations.

24 3. Filing

25 Any Protected Material that is filed with the Court in connection with pretrial
26 motions, trial, or other matters before this Court, shall be filed under seal and shall remain
27 sealed until otherwise ordered by this Court.
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